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TWO CENTS.

GERMAN NOTE TO BE CLEAR

Will Communicate Nature of Instruction to Submarine Commanders

WILSON SAYS ISSUE IS NOT NEGOTIABLE

Unshaken in His Determination That Diplomacy Can Only Continue When Germany Stops the Destruction of Ships Without Warning.

BERLIN, May 3, wireless to Associated Press at Sayville.—The draft of the German reply to the American note has been finished. The reply is subject to minor alterations which may result from interchanges of views between Berlin and the general headquarters. The statement will leave no room for doubt concerning the exact position assumed by Germany which will communicate the definite nature of instructions that will be given to submarine commanders and other data on which Washington itself can judge the situation. The Associated Press is permitted to make these statements, although the censorship on despatches tending to reveal the tenor of the German reply is still effective. The date of delivery of the answer has not been fixed.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The announcement from Berlin that new and definite instructions are to be given to German submarine commanders is the first positive indication of how Germany will attempt to meet President Wilson's final demand that she declare and effect an abandonment of the present method of submarine warfare. President Wilson is represented by those closest about him as unshaken in his determination that the issue is not negotiable; that a settlement cannot be delayed by discussion of side issues such as the British blockade and retaliatory measures, and that the controversy between the countries can proceed further in diplomacy only if Germany effectually stops destruction of ships without warning and takes measures to bring her submarine operations within the confines of international law.

SERIOUS MAY DAY RIOTS IN GERMANY

People Clamored for Peace and Food— Many Reported Killed or Wounded in Berlin.

LONDON, May 3.—Serious trouble was reported to have occurred in Berlin and elsewhere in Germany on May day, says the American correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. Vast crowds, composed for the most part of women of the laboring classes, clamored for peace. The crowds were dispersed by the police and many were arrested.

A Geneva telegram to the Central News agency says: "During the food riots at Louisa the police killed three persons and wounded 70. In the riots in Berlin it is reported that 25 were killed and 200 wounded."

SPANISH SHIP SUNK.

Was Victim of a Submarine—One Member of Crew Lost.

LONDON, May 3.—The sinking by a submarine of another neutral steamship, the Spanish vessel Vinifreda, is reported in a Lloyds dispatch from Spain. One member of the crew was lost.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Wednesday, May 3.—The temple will be open to the public from 10 a. m. throughout the day and evening. All will be most cordially welcomed.

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment. The Patriarchal degree will be conferred on a large class of candidates. A good attendance is desired.

First Baptist Church

Tonight, Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic, Using Sunday for This World and the Next. Isaiah 58:1-14. Ernest Barrie, leader.

GOVERNOR CALLS NATIONAL GUARD

Troops in Control in Western Pennsylv- vania Where Blood Was Shed in Rioting Yesterday.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 3.—The governor's troops arrived on a special train in East Pittsburgh early today for duty in the Turtle Creek and Monongahela valleys, where strike riots occurred yesterday.

The troops were the first of the National Guard command ordered last night by Gov. Brumbaugh to the disturbed district.

Large forces of coal and iron police were still on guard in the plants of the United States Steel corporation in Monongahela valley, but they experienced no trouble.

Two men are known to have been killed, four probably fatally wounded, and a score of others seriously hurt yesterday afternoon, when a mob, said by the authorities to have been composed principally of foreigners, attacked the Edgar Thomson works of the Carnegie steel company in Braddock. A pitched battle followed, lasting an hour, during which 400 shots were exchanged, but the rioters were finally forced to retreat in the face of a deadly fire from the riot guns and revolvers of deputy sheriffs and plant guards.

THOMPSON, Conn., May 3.—John Elliott, the stable hand who yesterday shot and killed George Albert Pettis, a prosperous farmer, and his daughter, Sybil, at their home here and then escaped, is partially surrounded in a tract of woodland in Rhode Island, a few miles southeast of this town. As Elliott was armed with two automatic revolvers it is thought he may resist capture if cornered.

Elliott undoubtedly intended to kill Mrs. Pettis, but spared her life when she begged that she might live in order to bury her loved ones. The murderer grinned at her and said, "I like your nerve." He then left the house and disappeared in the woods nearby. The telephone wire had been cut by Elliott. Mrs. Pettis after a short time went to a neighbor's house and gave the alarm.

Elliott was insanely jealous of Miss Pettis, who had refused his attentions. He had been drinking when he was in Putnam the night before he went to the Pettis home. In addition to carrying dynamite, with which it is supposed he at first intended to blow up the house, he was armed with four automatic revolvers, two dark knives, brass knuckles and several razors. He left all of the weapons at the scene of his crime in a black bag except two of the revolvers.

MURDERER ELLIOTT IS SURROUNDED

In Woods Near the Scene of His Double Crime — Is Armed with Au- tomatic Revolvers.

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ATTACK REPULSED.

German Met with Serious Losses in the Argonne, Paris Reports.

PARIS, May 3.—A German attack in the Argonne was repulsed with serious losses for the assailants, the war office announced this afternoon. In the Verdun region last night there was heavy fighting with heavy artillery.

The text of the statement follows: "In the Argonne district, after a spirited bombardment with shells which released irritating gases, the enemy undertook yesterday evening a small attack in which three companies took part upon our trenches. The Germans were successful in gaining a footing for a few moments in our advance position, but they were not able to maintain this success and had to retire. They sustained heavy losses by our fire."

In the region of Verdun there has been fairly intense activity on the part of the opposing artillery forces in the sectors of Dead Man's hill and Douaumont. One of our long range pieces bombarded the railroad station at Seppel. Flames were observed at the station. The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front.

BIRRELL HAS RESIGNED.

Chief Secretary for Ireland Has Quit— Other Resignations Expected.

LONDON, May 3.—Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, has resigned. Other resignations were expected, including those of General Friend, commanding the forces in Ireland; Sir Matthew Nathan, under secretary for Ireland, and Sir Neville Chamberlain, inspector general of the Royal Irish constabulary.

HOUSE AT WHITE HOUSE.

Wilson's Confidential Adviser to Dis- cuss Submarine Question.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's closest adviser, arrived here today for a visit at the White House. He is expected to discuss the submarine situation.

THREE SINN FEINERS SHOT

Patrick Pearce, "Provisional President of Ireland," One of Number

MEN FOUND GUILTY AT COURT MARTIAL TRIAL

All of the Rebels in Dublin Have Sur- rendered — Among 300 Prisoners Landed in Wales 20 Were Suffering from Wounds.

LONDON, May 3.—Three signatories to the republican proclamation in Ireland have been tried by court martial and found guilty. They were shot this morning.

Patrick H. Pearce, the "provisional president of Ireland," was among those shot. Three other signers of the proclamation were sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Premier Asquith made an announcement to this effect in the house of commons this afternoon.

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THOUSANDS ARE IDLE.

Number of Garment Workers on Strike Largely Increased Today.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The number of garment workers out of work was brought up to 65,000 today with a strike of 35,000 in sympathy with those who involuntarily became idle when the employers declared a lockout last week. Officers of the union estimated that 300,000 in all are affected. The shops involved represent a large part of the women's clothing industry of the country.

TAKEN FROM SHIP.

Two Women Claiming to Be Americans Seized by British.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Officers of the Holland-American line steamship Ryndam, which arrived today, reported that two women, who claimed to be Americans, residents of San Francisco, were taken off the ship by the British at Falmouth and held for examination. The British authorities at the port refused to give any explanation for this act.

TO REFUSE DEMANDS.

Telegraphers and Signalmen to Be Turned Down by Railroads.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The demand of telegraphers and signalmen on the lines of the New York Central and Nickel Plate railroads for increased wages and better hours will not be granted, it was announced here today by a vice president of the New York Central.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy Tonight and Thursday—Prob- ably Rain—Moderate Winds.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The weather forecast: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably rain. Moderate east to southeast winds.

Willing to Take Chance.

Mrs. Henpeck — Those who are unlucky in love are said to be lucky at cards.

Henpeck—If you'd let me out nights, dear, I think it would be a good thing for me to play poker.—Puck.

RICHARD C. AVERILL A WITNESS TODAY

In Trial of His Father, G. C. Averill, Testified as to Certain Entries on Bank's Books.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BURLINGTON, May 3.

Richard C. Averill, son of the defendant, was on the stand the greater part of today in the trial in the United States court of George C. Averill, charged with making or causing to be made false entries on the books of the Vermont National bank of Brattleboro, with intent to deceive government officials when he was president of the institution.

The son testified to certain entries made by him in the ledger and cashier's checks book, the prosecution attempting to prove that false entries were made with an intent to deceive.

Clarke C. Pitts of Brattleboro, chief counsel for the defendant, admitted that no money passed in the transfer of deposits from the Vermont National bank to the Shawmut or Hanover banks.

After the district attorney had offered several specific dates and entries in evidence, Judge Hand excluded a mass of evidence that might be put in, stating that this was not necessary to prove prima facie that the defendant inserted the figures to convince the comptroller that the bank's reserve was a stated amount, when it was not.

Among the prominent men here from Brattleboro are Judge James M. Tyler, Dr. S. E. Lawton and Dr. H. D. Holton, all directors and the latter now president of the Vermont National bank.

ORDER FLOWERS FOR TWIN STATE LEAGUE

Seems Bound for Cemetery, in Opinion of Bellows Falls Correspondent— Two Teams Stand By.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BELLWILLS FALLS, May 3.

It looks like sweet immortality for the Twin State league. This fast little five-years-old league seems to be bound for the cemetery. Claremont and Bellows Falls are standing gamely by the circuit, but it looks as though all others had deserted. May E. M. Keyes of Keene said yesterday that so far has he known nobody in Keene would take the trouble to try to have a team there this season. The fans are willing enough to be represented in the league, but a board of directors cannot be found. Newport is out of it, according to reports from that town last night. Windsor has had a change of heart, and the report from that place is that if someone will go in and put a team on the field the fans will attend the games, which is considered a generous offer by Claremont and Bellows Falls—considering where it came from.

Greenfield may as well prepare to enter Jack Zeller's league. The reports as printed above are from good authorities. Bellows Falls and Claremont are ready to again wield the bludgeon, but a two-club circuit is all that appears at present. Some of the men interested in baseball think it would be a good thing to allow the league to rest a year and start again in 1917.

In Claremont and Bellows Falls there are debts of \$150 and \$425, respectively, left over from last year. Unless the fans in those two towns are really possessors of some red sporting blood it looks as though someone was due to be stung. But efforts will be made in each place to reimburse the men who, in the face of great odds last season, went in and backed the teams.

CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Resolution Condemning Use of Wine at White House Banquets Presented to M. E. Conference.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 3.—Criticism of President Wilson for providing wine for guests at banquets at the White House was expressed in resolutions submitted to the Methodist general conference today by Rev. James W. Anderson of Oregon, Mo. The resolution was coldly received by 800 delegates and was referred to the committee on temperance. Although the resolution was offered by Dr. Anderson as an individual the entire Missouri delegation supported the action.

EVIDENCE NEARLY ALL IN.

County Court Trying Case of Gutter- man Co. Against Houghton.

The attention of the county court at Newfane has been largely all day with hearing the evidence in the suit of the H. W. Gutterman Co. of Springfield, Mass., against W. B. Houghton of Brattleboro. It was expected when the noon recess was taken that the most of the evidence would have been put in before the close of the afternoon session. This is a suit in which the plaintiff seeks to recover about \$1,000 alleged to be the balance due for storage of furniture and decorating the house of the defendant. Mr. Cummings of the law firm of Leary, Leary & Cummings of Springfield and Chase & Chase appear for the plaintiff and F. E. Barber for the defendant.

GIBSON WINS ON STILL HUNT

Elected Village Commission- er by Small Margin Over Richmond

STAY-AT-HOMES MUCH SURPRISED

All Other Officers Re-elected—40-Cent Tax Rate Voted—Owners of Vacant Lots Not to Be Taxed for Sprinkling in Front of Such Lots.

A still hunt resulted last night in the annual village meeting in the election of Capt. E. W. Gibson of Company I, V. N. G., village commissioner for three years over the chairman of the board, Solon A. Richmond, who was a candi-



COMMISSIONER E. W. GIBSON.

date for re-election. There were 225 votes cast, 126 of which were for Mr. Gibson and 102 for Mr. Richmond.

The only other feature of the meeting out of the routine was the adoption of an amendment to a resolution providing for the sprinkling of streets, by which amendment the village is to pay the street sprinkling tax on vacant lots instead of having two-thirds of it assessed against the owners. The chairman was in doubt on the first vote on the amendment, but when he called for a second vote the majority for the adoption of the amendment was large.

The meeting was called to order soon after 8 o'clock by Chairman Richmond of the commissioners, and Village Clerk W. H. Perry read the warrant.

Judge A. F. Schwenk was unanimously elected moderator and the reports of the various village officials were promptly accepted as printed.

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E. C. Crosby said that it frequently was advisable to have opposition to a man who has been in office, and he named E. W. Gibson for commissioner.

Balloting was at once begun, the chairman appointing the following tellers: Oscar P. Benson, L. D. Taylor, George E. Foster, H. D. Tasker and Guy Tasker. He appointed W. A. Shumway and W. B. Smith as ballot box clerks. While the vote was being taken there was considerable scuffling of nearly by territory and general use of telephones in an effort to muster recruits for both sides and the machinery of the winning candidate appeared to be better oiled. While no formal announcement of Mr. Gibson's candidacy had been made, it had been decided upon in sufficient time to have the ballots printed and men were instantly ready to furnish them to all voters present when the order went forth to "prepare your ballots."

There were no contests for the other offices, the present incumbents being re-elected by voice vote. They are: Clerk and treasurer, W. H. Perry; tax collector, W. A. Shumway; auditors, L. Guy Tasker and Oscar P. Benson.

Under Article 4 it was voted to pay the same salaries to village officers as last year.

On motion of Lyman E. Holden it was voted to appropriate the same amount of money as last year for band concerts by the First Regiment band with the proviso that there shall be the same number given in the same places as last year. This carries an appropriation of \$500 for 16 concerts.

The only debate came on a resolution introduced by President Horton D. Walker of the board of trade to cover articles 6 and 7 concerning the sprinkling of streets in the village and the payment therefor. The resolution provided that the commissioners be instructed and authorized to arrange for the laying of the dust on any street or highway in the village, or any portion of any street, when a majority of the abutters on each street, or portion of street, petition for it in writing, the petition to specify whether water or oil is to be used. It provided that the village pay one-third of the expense and that the remaining two-thirds be assessed against the property owners on the street in proportion to the frontage of their lots.

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WINDHAM COUNTY CASES REVERSED

Supreme Court Opinions in Suits of Manley Bros. Against Railroad, and Davis Against Dr. Dunn.

Nearly half of the opinions read in the supreme court in Montpelier yesterday, the opening day of the May term, reversed decisions of the lower courts. Among these reversals were two Windham county cases.

In the case of Manley Bros. against the Boston & Maine railroad and the Crystal Springs Ice Co., a suit to recover for six automobile radiators which the plaintiff firm claims never to have received, judgment had been given in the lower court for the plaintiff to recover \$126.00 from the railroad. The opinion by Justice Powers reversed the decision and remanded the case for trial against the railroad company, the ice company being eliminated.

The other Windham county case was that of Hester A. Davis of Wilmington against Dr. S. Farrar Dunn, a physician of that town, a suit for alleged malpractice in the treatment of an injury to one arm caused by a fall on the ice in March, 1914. The judgment of the lower court was for the defendant to recover his taxable costs. The supreme court reverses the decision and remands the case for another trial. The opinion was by Justice Watson.

And to Operate Against the Villa Ban- dits in a Restricted Area, According to Reports in Circulation at El Paso Not to Withdraw.

EL PASO, Texas, May 3.—Advices from Mexico City and Washington were awaited today to set the seal of approval upon a provisional agreement that is understood to have been reached at the informal conference between Gen. Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government, and Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army.

The conference was not ended until after midnight and the two conferees emerged from the meeting place in good humor.

Gen. Scott immediately arranged for the despatch of a code message to Washington, giving the details of the understanding reached with General Obregon.

This detailed report is not expected to reach Washington until late today and its consideration probably will delay the answer to Gen. Scott until Thursday.

A similar message is being sent First Chief Carranza.

Because of the difficulties of Mexican telegraphic transmission it is thought his reply will not reach here until after Washington has made its answer.

The reported agreement is said to be based on the general proposition that the American troops will further retire toward the border and operate against the Villa bandits in a restricted district where their presence and activities will not provoke further hostility of the Mexican people.

Reports that the American troops will withdraw in either 30 or 60 days are in no way confirmable.

COL. J. G. NORTON SURPRISES FRIENDS

Cards Issued Announcing His Marriage Last October to Miss Mabel E. Reynolds.

(Special to The Reformer.)
MONTPELIER, May 3.

Cards were issued today announcing the marriage of Col. John G. Norton of St. Albans and Mabel E. Reynolds of this city. The event took place at Cornish, N. H., October 3, 1915, and the announcement came as a great surprise to the friends of the bride couple.

The bride is employed in the secretary's department of Vermont Mutual Life Insurance company. The groom is the official reporter of the Vermont house of representatives. He is widely known throughout the state through his connection with state house affairs and the militia. He was a regimental officer in the Spanish-American war and at one time was private secretary to Congressman Greene in Washington.

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The Great Methodist Conference.

(Springfield Republican.)

While the interest of the average Methodist centers more in the local conference which determines his next minister than in the greater gathering of Methodist Episcopal clergymen and laymen known as the general conference, there is a more inclusive interest in the quadrennial body which legislates for a religious denomination with 4,000,000 members. This assembly of over 800 delegates with 21 bishops has begun to do business in the great convention hall at Saratoga Springs. There are 133 annual conferences represented in the gathering in proportion to their membership of ministers, and the number of laymen is equal to that of the clerical representatives. This lay representation has been allowed since 1872, when it was after a long contest at the conference meeting in Brooklyn. The members of this general conference will be engaged for four weeks in discussing and acting upon important matters of church polity, and in electing bishops, editors of church newspapers, and heads of official boards, whose selection is in the hands of this great governing body.

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